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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John R. Prybella, Susan Roberts and Jose Luyo

Application No.: 10/801,180 Group No.: 2856
Filed: March 15, 2004 Examiner: Raevis, Robert
For: Closed Method and System for the Sampling and Testing of Fluid

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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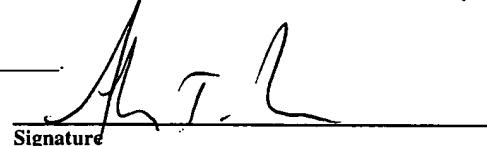
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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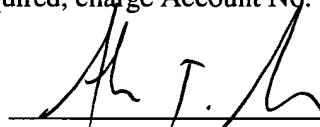
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FEE DEFICIENCY

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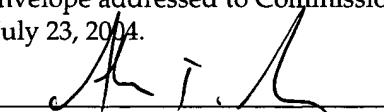


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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated June 24, 2004, Applicants submit the following election.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.